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Michael E. Farmer

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For: SYSTEM OR METHOD FOR CLASSIFYING
TARGET INFORMATION CAPTURED BY A
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 11, 2006, requiring a response to an election/restriction requirement.

The Examiner indicated that the patent application contains claims directed to the following alleged patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group I: Claims 1-26, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 701, subclass 45.

Group II: Claims 27-33, drawn to a process, classified in class 382, subclass 115.

Based on review of the claims, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, with traverse. Thus, claims 1-26 are selected explicitly for examination. However, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of both species are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of one of the species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the other species. See MPEP § 803, which states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits,

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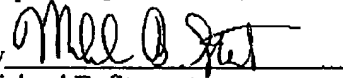
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ever though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added). This policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 65858-0028 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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